

Israelis Bomb Arabs As Iraqis Join War

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel claimed that its warplanes blasted Damascus and other strategic targets in the Syrian and Egyptian heartlands today as Iraq announced that its air and ground forces have joined the five-day-old Middle East war.

Syria charged the Israeli jets

were hitting civilian targets in the raids on the capital airport, the central industrial city of Homs and Syrian ports on the Mediterranean. The Israeli command qualified the targets as "strategic and military."

Tel Aviv and Damascus reported major aerial engagements also swirled over the

Golan Heights battleground and both sides claimed downing large numbers of the other's planes.

The Israeli military command said its raiding jets inflicted "considerable damage" on the Damascus airport. A spokesman said the facility "is no longer a civilian airport but a

base for military strikes into Israel."

It was the second reported raid on the Syrian capital. Israeli jets bombed the Defense Ministry and government radio station on the eastern fringes of the city Tuesday. Civilian casualties were reported heavy.

The heavy air battles coincided with indications the ground fighting had tapered off in the Golan Heights and the Sinai peninsula, where Israelis have admitted backing off from their main Suez Canal defense lines against Egyptian forces trying to retake the desert lost to Israel in the 1967 war.

Iraq's announcement that its air and ground forces were playing an active role in the fighting on both fronts formally brought in the Iraqis as the fourth Arab country ranged against Israel.

The Beirut newspaper An Nahar reported the Iraqis had committed 18,000 troops and 100 tanks besides air power to support Egyptians in the Sinai and Syrians in the Golan Heights. Their reports were seen as another indication this round of fighting was likely to drag on longer than the lightning six-day Israeli victory of 1967.

With the ground war slowed, the Israeli military command reported its air power blasted

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BOMBING VICTIM: Body of an unidentified Syrian lies in the debris of building bombed in downtown Damascus by Israeli fighter-bombers Tuesday. (AP Wirephoto)

Poorman Pulls Out Of Hospital Contest



FRANK POORMAN
No New Term

Another Berrien Article On Page 14

Another story about the Tuesday meeting of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners appears on page 14.

Berrien General Gets 'New Blood'

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

In a surprise move Tuesday, Frank Poorman, 62, a 23-year member of the county hospital board, dropped out of the running for a new three-year term.

Poorman said the dropout kept a promise to his wife three years ago, but others suggested it avoided a confrontation with county commissioners engineering the replacement of commissioners on various boards with "new blood."

The terms of Poorman of Buchanan and George Sharpe of Eau Claire on the Berrien General hospital board expire Oct. 31. Sharpe was not renominated.

Poorman withdrew his name from nomination Tuesday at the county board meeting in St.

Joseph and led a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the other two candidates, Samuel G. Creden of Niles and V.E. "Ed" Garver of Berrien Springs.

Approval came in a voice vote. The two will serve three-year terms.

Sharpe said he did not seek renomination, didn't know why he was not renominated and assumes "somebody doesn't like me."

Commissioner R.J. Burkholz, a member of Mrs. Nancy Clark's planning and social services committee, said: "We simply came up with these other super-candidates."

Poorman told commissioners before stepping down:

"Three years ago I promised my wife this would be my last term. I was reminded of this commitment about a month and a half ago."

Commissioner Clark, who said earlier her committee was working to put non-commissioners on county boards, said she was surprised at Poorman's step. She declined to comment on how many members of the 13-member county board had pledged to vote against Poorman.

"You never know," she said. "So I was very happy the way it turned out."

The push to replace Poorman was not personal but is the committee's attempt to replace county commissioner members of appointive boards with "new blood."

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Mr. Francisco & Mr. Joseph now at Victor's. 983-6747. Adv.

Teacher's Protest Supported

A veteran Coloma teacher has sided with a St. Joseph junior high teacher in expressing disenchantment with the Michigan Education association.

James A. Miller, of Coloma high school, wrote this newspaper that he objects to MEA philosophy and has not renewed his membership. Full text of Miller's letter appears on page 2.

Yesterday, Roger D. Jones, of St. Joseph Milton junior high, said he's risking his job by declining to pay full dues to the St. Joseph Education association which is affiliated with the MEA. Jones objects to the agency shop clause between the board of education and SJEA and accumulation of power by the MEA.

Miller wrote: "It is time that other teachers of the same mind as Mr. Jones make themselves heard. It may come as a surprise to him that he does not stand alone."

Miller taught at Benton Harbor high school before going to Coloma and has 17 years at the two schools.

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WELFARE CHEATING EASY: Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson sits with six of his secretaries holding welfare checks. They are, from left: Rebecca Smith, Joan Premo, Cheryl Covarrubias, Mary Greer, Felecia Brown and Sheri Perelli. Patterson said the secretaries applied for

welfare, told a few lies to the Department of Social Services and received welfare payments. The prosecutor announced the results of his "experiment" at a press conference in Pontiac Tuesday. (AP Wirephoto)

Prosecutor's Aides Show Welfare Cheating Easy

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson says eight secretaries he sent to the county's Department of Social Services told some lies and came back with \$1,296.50 in welfare checks.

"This is living proof ... that welfare abuses do exist," Patterson said Tuesday. "Now let's see about reforming the system."

Patterson said two secretaries got checks at the office, three more went back the following day and the others got their checks by mail. The prosecutor is a long-time foe of welfare violators.

Patterson said, however, he did not want to make "scapegoats" of the welfare workers who believed the lies told by the secretaries.

"All the girls were treated competently and fairly — within the public assistance rules," he said.

It is those rules, Patterson said, that he is out to change and he said his office will issue recommendations for change. One reform would be to use a computer to compare names with Internal Revenue Service and state records, he said.

Howard Rosso, director of the welfare department, said clarification is sought "only when there are inconsistencies in the story." Responsibility for the truth is with the applicant, he said.

Secretary Mary Geer said she told the case workers her husband had deserted her and their three children.

"The only part I falsified was that my husband had deserted me and that I hadn't worked in 10 years," she said.

Rosso said his department probably would have discovered the secretaries' lies "in three or four months."

Boycotting ADC Renters

Kazoo Landlords Join Ban

KALAMAZOO — Concerned Landlords of Kalamazoo have joined United Landlords of Berrien county in voting not to take new rentals from ADC clients.

Newell Barr, acting executive vice president, said the action was taken at Sept. 27 — two weeks after United Landlords of Berrien county voted to boycott tenants on ADC.

Barr said: "We're going to refuse to rent to ADC clientele. Social Services sits back and laughs at us when we complain. We've got to stop some of this destruction and nonpayment of rent."

Barr, also vice president of the Michigan Association of Landlords, said support is being sought from landlord organiza-

tions in Grand Rapids, Battle Creek and Three Rivers.

Barr noted there are "a lot of good ADC renters, but those who move continually are more apt to damage housing and skip out on rent."

Some 50 members of United Landlords of Berrien county voted unanimously Sept. 12 to boycott ADC renters. But those at the meeting represented less than half the membership and the Berrien Social Services department reported later that some United Landlords were continuing to rent to ADC clients.

About 80 per cent of the 4,000 ADC families in Berrien county receive housing allowances through Social Services.

Court Administrator On Job In Berrien

BY BILL RUSH
Staff Writer

William H. Evans, Jr., was introduced to county commissioners Tuesday as Berrien county's first court administrator.

Berrien circuit judges appointed Evans to the post effective the first of this month. He comes to Berrien county from Iowa where he was court administrator for a judicial district in the southwestern section of the state.

Evans, 40, was presented to county commissioners by Circuit Judge William S. White. The budget for the court administrator's office is \$35,000 with Evans' salary \$19,500. He will occupy an office on the second floor of the courthouse in St. Joseph.

His duties include assignment of cases and trials, record keeping and reporting, supervision of courts' spending, recruitment and correlating court work with other county agencies.

Evans said he intends to familiarize himself with circuit, district, probate and juvenile courts for three to six months. This will include sitting in courtrooms to learn the style and approach of each judge.

The next step will be to prepare recommendations to improve change or eliminate court procedures that delay or interfere with the maximum use of judicial personnel and facilities, he said.

A native of Boston, Mass., Evans, graduated from St. Louis university with a B.S. degree in political science in 1955. He served for two years in the Air Force and attained the rank of captain.

From 1957 to 1971, Evans worked in management positions in the educational services and corporate insurance. In 1972, he graduated from the



WILLIAM H. EVANS
Court Administrator

University of Denver college of law with a master of science degree in court administration.

As court administrator for the

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Two From Area In Super Draw

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Two southwestern Michigan residents will get a shot at the \$200,000 top prize in Michigan's 46th weekly Super Drawing at Adrian Thursday.

Included in the list of 11 contestants is Paul E. Stephens, 49, of Galien, a married bartender with one son and Lillian L. Kotzmacher, 67, of Dowagiac, a widow.

This will also be the first week

of the "second chance" drawing. After the regular two weekly numbers have been drawn, two additional numbers will be selected for the second chance drawing.

Persons whose tickets match both second chance numbers will automatically win \$5,000 to be paid after their claim has been verified at the Lottery Bureau in Lansing.

Golf at Paw Paw Lake. Adv

Booze Plays Key Role In Berrien Traffic Deaths

By BILL RUSH
Staff Writer

Fifty per cent of traffic fatalities in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties in 1971 were alcohol related which was more than 15 per cent higher than the state average, according to the Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems.

The three counties recorded 94 deaths in automobile accidents in 1971. Alcohol was detected in 36 of 72 deaths where evidence was available and not known in 22 deaths where evidence was not

available.

There were 2,151 fatalities in the state that year. A study by the council on the first 6 months of 1971 shows 945 fatalities and 294 or nearly 35 per cent alcohol related.

The council notes that a bill in the state senate would require blood samples in traffic deaths. The council says this would probably show a higher percentage of accidents where alcohol is present.

Statistics by the Council on Alcohol Problems also show: 1,824 persons arrested for drunk driving in the three counties during 1972. The conviction rate on that charge was nearly 80 per cent

with convictions on lesser charges about 18 per cent in settled cases.

In Michigan during 1972, there were 35,662 drunk driving arrests with the conviction rate on settled cases only 56 per cent. Convictions on reduced charges totaled 31 per cent but 8,080 cases are still pending in state courts.

The relation between alcohol and traffic accidents will be the subject of a discussion entitled "The Alcohol Problem" Thursday by Jack De Long, director of the Tri-County Health department alcohol program.

The presentation will follow a supper and business period by the

Berrien county Council of Churches starting at 6:30 p.m. at the First Congregational church, 108 East Ash street, Three Oaks. Reservations can be made by calling the council office in St. Joseph.

De Long's discussion will include the problem of increasing fatalities for 18-20 year-olds. Drinking became legal for that age group last year.

In Michigan during the first 6 months of 1973, there were 70 alcohol-related traffic fatalities involving 18 to 20 year olds or more than twice as many as during the same period in 1971, De Long said.

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Editorial Page

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We Said It Was Bad--- And It Sure Has Been

Gov. William Milliken shouldn't be surprised by the teacher strikes that are still idling hundreds of thousands of Michigan school children more than a month after classes were scheduled to begin.

Only last June, the governor signed into law the agency shop bill that gave public employe unions immensely increased leverage in calling strikes.

Milliken signed the bill against the legislative consensus of his own Republican party, siding with the Democratic majority in the House and a coalition of Democrats with GOP apostates in the evenly-divided Senate.

Everyone of this area's legislators, all Republicans, voted against the agency shop bill. Sen. Zollar of Benton Harbor called it "a bad bill that will cost the taxpayers millions upon millions of dollars."

On June 8 of this year, following Senate and House passage of the agency shop bill, this newspaper editorially urged Gov. Milliken to veto it. Said the editorial: "The bill is an inroad on personal freedom and a threat to the general public's control of tax-supported safety and service organizations."

What the agency law does is to make it legal for public employers, such as police and fire departments and school boards, to agree with unions that non-union members have to pay "fees" to the unions.

In the case of one non-union St. Joseph high teacher, Roger D. Jones, 32, the agency shop clause in the St. Joseph district contract has been interpreted to mean he has to pay the St. Joseph Education Association

(that district's teachers' union) full dues of \$145 per year. If he doesn't, Schools Supl. Richard Ziehmer has informed him, he may get fired.

Jones is willing to pay "a fair share" for the cost of union negotiating, which he estimates at about \$50, but not the full dues of \$145. He thinks that's compulsory unionism and he thinks he can successfully challenge it in the courts.

Teacher Jones has asked the St. Joseph Board of Education to study the legality of full dues from non-union members. That should be done—and promptly.

Also, Jones has asked the public for support in his challenge against what he feels is "extortion." He should get it.

Moreover, the public would do well to let Gov. Milliken know by all means possible that they want compulsory unionism banned. What the governor signed into law, he may be able to get unsigned—particularly if enough Democratic legislators for the Detroit area have kids hanging around home instead of in school.

Michigan Association of Militants promised last June that they would shut down schools this fall to backup their demands for agency shop fees. Well, for that and higher pay, they've done it.

The key to the current wave of disruptive, costly illegal strikes is the agency shop law for public employes. It forces submission of the individual to ideas alien to him. It reinforces the power of monolithic, statewide unions to ignore the public welfare. It should be repealed.

Whose Security Are They Talking About?

Beginning next July 1, recipients of Social Security benefits will receive a 5.9 per cent increase in their monthly checks. But beginning in 1974, all wage earners whose income is at least \$12,600 will pay 17 per cent more in Social Security taxes.

Escalating Social Security taxes now rival federal income taxes as the major tax payment for many families. The Tax Foundation figures that a

family of four with an income of \$7,000 a year now pays more in Social Security taxes than in federal income tax deductions.

The comparison is understated, because the employer pays an additional tax equal to the employee's Social Security contribution. The maximum tax for 1974, based on income of \$12,600 or more will be \$737.10 each for employer and employee.

'Nodules' Of Treasure At Bottom Of The Seas

Nodule mining is not yet an established art among the industries engaged in bringing out of the earth the resources needed to sustain life. But a race is on to develop the technique and some observers see it as one of the more important mineral exploration fields of all time.

Nodules are concentrated mineral deposits peculiar to ocean floors, and that brief description says much about the difficulties in harvesting them for man's use. Harvesting is a better term than mining for the extraction process which will be necessary to capture the abundance in minerals explorers have discovered by taking a close look at only a minute fraction of deep sea floors.

Rich lodes of manganese, copper, nickel and cobalt, among other metals, have been found in nodular form in widely scattered sections of the oceans. Numerous theories abound on

where they came from but one interesting discovery is that they seem to be growing at the rate of 16 million tons a year.

The riches contained in the nodules are vast. One estimate is that 1.5 trillion tons of the blackish rocks may be awaiting takers in the Pacific alone. The trick is to get them out, for most of the hoards have been discovered in depths of 12,000 to 20,000 feet.

That is why mining the nodules can be compared to no other mining operation. An entire new technology is needed to reclaim them for industrial uses. The hunt is on to find ways of capturing the deposits commercially, much of it going on in secrecy. The potential to a resource-worn world is staggering.

Jury Doubts

Symptomatic of part of the criminal jurisprudence problem in the United States is the jury deadlock, with a single juror holding out for acquittal. A growing suspicion exists that defense lawyers are playing on such eventuations by trying hard to place at least one person on a jury who has some hang-up which almost precludes conviction.

A recent example was the first trial of Garrett Brock Trapnell, who admitted hijacking a Los Angeles-to-New York airliner last year. The jury was deadlocked at his first trial. The holdout juror gave the impression she was opposed to punishment in any form.

At considerable expense, the government obtained a conviction in that case at a retrial. The growing number of such acquittals precludes a second trial in each case and raises the real spectacle of justice gone awry.

Going Public



GLANCING BACKWARDS

UCF FUND OVERACHIEVES GOAL

— 1 Year Ago —

United Community Fund passes the \$250,000 mark yesterday as the UCF drive moved into its fifth campaign week.

Roy Shoemaker, UCF campaign chairman, reported that pledges now stand at \$252,322 an increase of \$70,000 over a week ago. He said, "We've made a good start toward meeting, the needs of our community, but there's a great need to follow up in some of the campaign areas."

OLYMPIC TORCH ON TO DETROIT

— 10 Years Ago —

A group of Michigan athletes, members of Detroit's Olympic Torch Relay team, took St. Joseph in stride Wednesday afternoon enroute to the Motor City on a 2,571 mile marathon run from Los Angeles — many steps and a few stumbles behind them.

The staggering feat (and sometimes feat) is promoting Detroit as the site of the 1988 Olympic Games. Los Angeles

was the last American city to host the international athletic competition in 1932.

OBSERVE COLUMBUS DAY IN ST JOSEPH

— 23 Years Ago —

Peas for national unity until the war is over, and the last boy is safely home, were voiced by speakers at last night's district Knights of Columbus meeting in the St. Joseph Catholic school hall.

Special guests were three servicemen, now home on furlough or leave, who were former members of Boy Scout troop No. 24 sponsored by the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus. They were: Lt. Earl Wood Jr., John Payovich, and Frank Fello.

STUDIO OPENS

— 39 Years Ago —

The Hjortsvang voice studio has been formally opened in St. Joseph.

DANCE SCHEDULED

— 49 Years Ago —

The student association of the St. Joseph high school will open the calendar of with a dance at the school. Miss Sara Rose Hafdock heads the committee in charge, with Miss Anna Meech and Lawrence Zick.

UNITE FOR PRAYER

— 59 Years Ago —

Local churches will participate in President Woodrow Wilson's plea for general observance of "peace day" throughout America and the rest of the world, by offering special prayers in protest now raging on the French and Russian frontline trenches. Church collections will go to the Red Cross on this day—unique in history as the first time the nation has ever knelt to pray in unison on any occasion.

PLANK'S TAVERN

— 83 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Plank have returned from Lake Superior and are again at the tavern.

BERRY'S WORLD



Ray Cromley

Indictment Not A Conviction



WASHINGTON (NEA) — The heartbreaking experience of a heart, close and completely honest friend makes this reporter exceedingly wary about coming to conclusions in the case of Vice President Spiro Agnew — even if he is indicted by a grand jury.

The story to be told in this column points up the virtue of suspending judgment until all the facts are in. When they are, then let the chips fall where they may.

The story is this: my friend, whom I shall call John Doe, was accused of bribery and indicted by a grand jury. An attorney had written in his notebook — and sworn — that he had bribed Doc for voting for the rezoning of a piece of property, a vote calculated to make a considerable sum of money for the lawyer and his clients.

That was the story the prosecutor told the grand jury. On the basis of this evidence Doe was indicted and brought to trial. The case dragged on and finally came to court. But the judge threw it out with a vigorous attack on the prosecutor.

For it turned out that though Doe was indicted for accepting a bribe for voting for the rezoning measure, he had actually voted against it, as the record clearly showed. His vote, in fact, had cost the false-swearing attorney

and his friends a considerable sum of money.

I personally overheard the attorney tell a friend that Doe's election had cost him a hundred thousand dollars a year (back when that was equivalent to double that sum today).

Though Doe was clearly innocent according to the public record, though there was absolutely no shred of a case against him, and though he was completely cleared, his business was ruined and his life was in shreds for years because people remembered the indictment — and not the facts.

Later, the prosecutor who had brought the charges before the grand jury, was asked why he had done this cruel thing, knowing he would lose in the end. (He might win over the jury with twisted evidence no one was permitted to refute. But he could not possibly have hoped that his case would stand up when the actual voting record and other relevant facts were presented.)

The prosecutor's answer was simple and blunt: "I don't care about convictions; indictments are what I want."

None of this is to imply that Mr. Agnew is innocent or that he is guilty. But he, as a man, deserves that we hold our judgment until there is an open and complete hearing in which he can face his accusers.

Marianne Means

McGovern Still Not Convinced



WASHINGTON — Sen. George McGovern is convinced that his massive 1972 Presidential defeat was due not to any major philosophic or strategic mistake but to two technical errors not completely his fault. McGovern recently pinned his loss of 49 states last year on the mishandling of the Eagleton affair and the unfortunate timing of his acceptance speech, which occurred in the wee hours of the morning when most of the national television audience had gone to bed.

He offered this analysis during a serious political discussion with a prominent Democrat identified with the reform wing who originally supported a McGovern rival in 1972, but who backed McGovern after his nomination. The Democrat was astonished.

McGovern's rationale of what hit him is virtually unique. The bulk of independent politicians, historians, and gadflies who have analyzed the Presidential contest in the last year believe that McGovern lost because the public perceived him to be incompetent and too radical on domestic social issues. The experts further believe he owed that perception to his frequent changes of policy and his identification with arrogant and militant factions representing minority viewpoints.

McGovern, in retrospect, does

not fully blame himself for those two errors which he does concede. He explained that he did not feel free to remove Eagleton immediately from the ticket after news of his past mental illness broke because it would not have been the decent thing to do. (He did not, however, explain how it became somehow more decent to get rid of Eagleton after painful days of indecision and rumors.)

And McGovern said he delivered his ill-timed speech, which he thinks might have converted millions if delivered earlier, because party chairman Lawrence O'Brien wanted him to stick to the prearranged schedule. He added that he did not want to offend O'Brien, because O'Brien was already irritated at not being tapped for Vice President. (McGovern did not, apparently, see anything peculiar about the new party nominee bowing to the wishes of an outgoing chairman, instead of the reverse.)

McGovern's perception of the 1972 Presidential campaign is myopic, to say the least. He apparently still does not grasp the prevailing national mood, which was so at odds with his own ideas and image. And he does not accept any major flaw in his candidacy inherent in his own personality.

McGovern is not the first defeated Presidential nominee with the capacity for self-delusion, nor will he be the last. This trait, however, does explain the politically incredible fact that many of McGovern's former advisers believe he is eager to try again — for the 1976 Presidential nomination.

More Top Students Will Be Honored

GRAYLING, Mich. (AP) — The time-honored practice of naming valedictorian and salutatorian will be ended in the Gaylord school system if the board of education has its way.

Supt. Tom Gill said the board wants to honor a greater number of students at graduation. "Honoring two students years ago represented 20 per cent of the graduating class," Gill said. "But today, with larger enrollment, they're only recognizing about one per cent."

Gill said the board would like to find an appropriate honor for all students who finish high school with a grade average above 3.7 on a 4.0 scale.

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'Idea' Now Multi-Million Dollar Enterprise

Fairplain Plaza Has 15th Birthday

Air Conditioned
Shopping Complex
Being Considered

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON
Staff Writer

Twenty years ago it was only an idea. Fifteen years ago it was a reality. Today it's a multi-million dollar enterprise and the largest shopping center in southwestern Michigan.

Fairplain Plaza this week is celebrating its 15th anniversary, and its history reads like an entrepreneur's dream.

In 1958, its first year, the stores making up the Plaza, as it's commonly called, did about \$5 million worth of business. Today the merchants in the Plaza have about \$30 million in sales a year.

The original Plaza had some five acres of buildings on 17 acres of ground. Today the Plaza has 68 acres and 300,000 square feet of buildings. An office mall on the lower level is now under construction, and will add another 30,000 square feet of space.

The Plaza now has 53 stores and 15 offices, and is in a constant state of expansion and remodeling. Mark East, a developer and lessor of some of the buildings in the Plaza, says plans are now being considered to enclose the Plaza and make it into "an air-conditioned shopping complex."

The first five tenants at the Plaza opened their doors on June 18, 1958, and a crowd of about 13,000 jammed the infant shopping center.

Officers from three police departments were called in to direct traffic for the overflow crowd, since there was no traffic light at the intersection of Napier avenue and M-139 — the site of the Plaza — at that time. The first tenants were Angelo's and Kroger's supermarkets, Woolworths, Eitel's bakery, and the Farmers and Merchants bank.

Muir's drug store opened in late June, and at the time was the largest drug store in the 44-store chain.

By the end of the year there were 17 businesses in Fairplain Plaza.

The parking lot holds 2,500 vehicles, and plans call to expand it to hold 4,000 in the future.



FAIRPLAIN PLAZA—1973: Fairplain Plaza has grown to 58 stores and 15 offices in its 15-year existence, and future plans call for enclosing Plaza to make it an air-conditioned mall. Variety of goods available at Plaza is almost limitless. M-139 and Napier have been widened to handle mounting traffic load. (Aerial photos by Adolph Hann)

The idea for a shopping center near the Twin Cities began in 1953 with a number of businessmen and developers. In 1955 Angelo's grocery purchased a small section of land on the present site of the Plaza. Other businesses began inquiring about locating there, and the idea for a shopping center took hold.

Ground was broken in September, 1957, and the initial phase of the Plaza was completed in April, 1958. That year there was 60,000 square feet of rentable space.

The prime movers behind the Fairplain Plaza are the Angelo

family and developers East and Wayne Senecal.

East and Senecal lease some of the buildings to tenants, but a majority of the rented space is leased by Fairplain Plaza Inc. — which is synonymous with the Angelo family.

Fairplain Plaza Inc. consists of: Joseph Angelo, president; Jim Nicholas, first vice president; George Angelo, third vice president; Tony Angelo, Jr., treasurer; Michael Angelo, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Rose Sobczyk, secretary; Henry Angelo, assistant secretary; and Mrs. Tony Angelo Sr., honorary

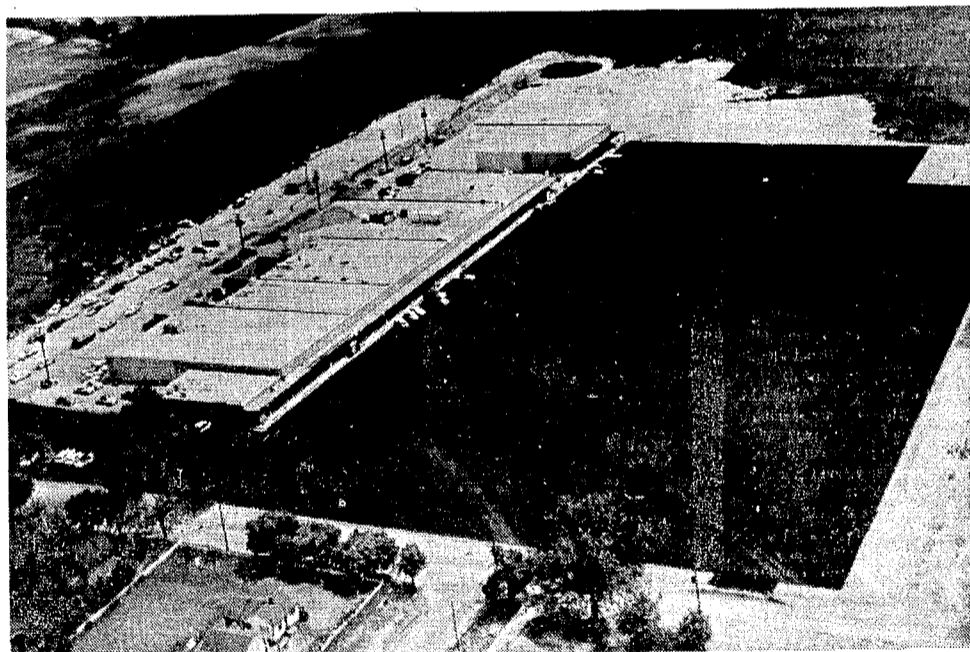
president.

Two prominent members of the Angelo family, Tony, Sr. and Frank, Sr., have died.

Coming to Benton Harbor in 1919, the Angelo family opened Angelo's supermarket at the corner of Fourth street and Territorial road in 1924. This business is still at the same location.

But the Angelo family has branched out into other businesses in the Twin Cities area.

The big teenager at the corner of Napier and M-139 is a shining example.



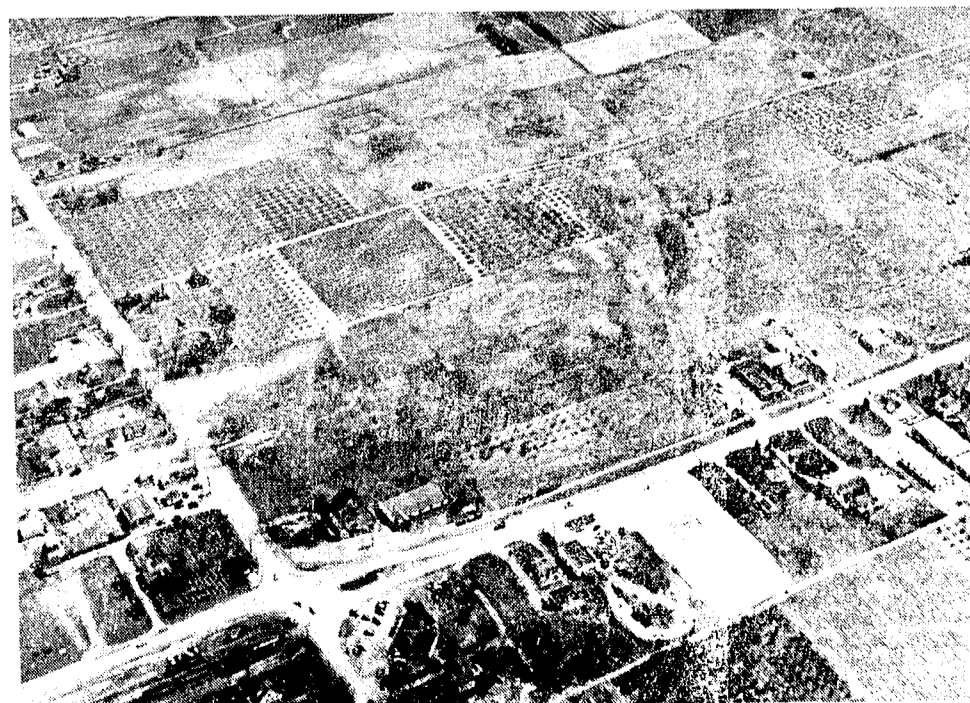
FAIRPLAIN PLAZA—1958: Southwestern Michigan's newest and largest shopping center at Napier avenue and M-139, Benton township, was preparing for first day of business when Flying

Photographer Adolph Hann took this picture in June of 1958. The empty parking lot was soon filled, as 13,000 jammed Plaza on first day of business.



FAIRPLAIN PLAZA OFFICERS: Officers of Fairplain Plaza, Inc., stand in mall area of Plaza for 15th anniversary picture. One of them was overheard to remark: "We get together like this every 15 years." Shown are (from left): Michael Angelo, assistant treasurer; Joe Angelo, president;

Tony Angelo, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. Tony Angelo, Sr., honorary president; Henry Angelo, assistant secretary; Mrs. Rose Sobczyk, secretary; Jim Nicholas, first vice president; and George Angelo, third vice president. All are members of the family of the late Tony Angelo, Sr. (Staff photo)



FAIRPLAIN PLAZA (?)—1957: This farmland is site of Fairplain Plaza as it looked before construction.

M-139 is at bottom of photo, running from left to right, and intersection is Napier avenue.

Hartford Clinic Donation Asked

HARTFORD — A health service organization proposing to build a clinic in Hartford asked the city council for a \$5,000 donation last night to launch the project.

Dr. Charles White of the Berrien-Cass-Van Buren Health services organization said the money would be used to buy a site for the clinic and finance a parking lot and utilities for it. He told the council the organization is planning to build a

48 by 48 foot building once a site is selected. According to White, the clinic is to replace the Keeler migrant health clinic.

Hartford has been suggested as a site, Dr. White said, because of its central location to a large migrant population and its proximity to major roads and hospitals.

The clinic would also serve area residents, he said.

The proposal was held for

further study.

Also last night, the council issued a warning to apartment house and mobile home park owners that all apartments and mobile homes must have water meters.

Councilman Charles Engle cited several examples of apartment house dwellings he said have one meter serving all apartments.

The council also appointed Councilman Harold Jackson to confer with school officials on the future use of 10 acres of land in extreme southeast section of the city.

The land, determined by the Michigan Boundary Commission earlier this year to be in the city, is being eyed by the school district as a possible building site.

Mayor Wesley Knapp criticized the possible acquisition of the land by the school as a move that would take taxable lands from the city tax rolls.

School districts pay no property tax on lands they own.

"We worked hard to get this land into the city and now the school is going to pull the rug out from under us," Knapp said.

Sodus Hall Will Be Re-Roofed

SODUS — Fenner Roofing and Sheet Metal Inc. of Sodus was awarded a \$950 contract by the Sodus township board last night for re-roofing of the township hall.

Fenner submitted the lowest of bids received.

Eight students of a government class at Eau Claire high school attended the meeting as observers.



HOST 'AG' COMMISSION: Members of the Michigan Agricultural commission were dinner guests last night of the Benton Harbor city commission and market board at Tosi's restaurant. Agricultural commission is holding its October meeting in Twin City area. From left: B. Dale Ball, director of State Department of

Agriculture; Dave Diehl, chairman State Agricultural commission; Virgil May, mayor pro tem; H. Thomas Dewhirst, of Benton Harbor, member of state commission; Ken Slater, city market manager; and Mayor Charles F. Joseph. (Staff photo)

Ag Commission Meets Here Growers Push New US-31

BY ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

Area growers yesterday noon expressed concern over what they termed the long delay in the start of construction of the US-31 freeway south from I-196 through Berrien county to the Indiana border.

Speaking at the annual luncheon of the Michigan Agricultural Commission held each October at the Benton Harbor Holiday Inn the growers asked commission members to see what could be done in speeding up the start of construction.

Grower John Handy of Sodus, said a large market for fruit and vegetable products exists in the South Bend area, but growers around the Twin Cities area find it hard to get their produce to Indiana because of the present road system.

Ben Rosenberg, another

Sodus grower, said "The route for the new freeway was originally designed in 1960," and expressed the opinion that 13 years was long enough time to start construction.

Agricultural commission members said they would relate the feelings of area growers on the matter to the state highway department.

Currently the US-31 project is scheduled to begin bid opening in early 1978 on the first portion of the 27.6 miles of freeway.

Grower Albert Weckworth of Benton Harbor requested that the agricultural commission see what could be done about hiring a permanent weatherman for southwestern Michigan agricultural purposes.

"There's no way the weather bureau in Grand Rapids can predict the abrupt changes in the weather in Berrien and Van Buren counties," he said. "Last spring they missed a severe

frost forecast that if area growers had been informed of in time, could have saved millions of dollars in fruit and vegetable losses."

John Catkins of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, said it is doubtful that the area could obtain a weather forecaster, due to the severe cutback in federal funds that has resulted in the understaffing of most weather bureaus.

Mrs. Laura Heuser, president

of the southwestern Michigan chapter of Women for the Survival of Agriculture in Michigan, told the commission WSAM would like to see more farm orientated people on various state agencies that have influence over agriculture. "Our business is being represented by numerous state agencies with members that know nothing about agriculture and its problems," she said. "I would like to see some farmers

on some of these state agencies."

Area growers also complimented the commission for its successful marketing program on tomatoes instituted last year.

The commission continued its regular monthly meeting this morning at the Holiday Inn. This afternoon commission members were scheduled to tour the orchards of Grower Herb Teichman of Eau Claire.

Task Force To Meet Here

Governor William Milliken's agricultural task force will hold a meeting for southwestern Michigan growers, Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 8 p.m. at the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., on Meadowbrook road, Benton township, according to Mrs. Rebecca Tompkins of

Traverse City, state agricultural commission member. Similar meetings held in 1970 to give growers a chance to relate their problems to the governor's office proved very successful, according to Mrs. Tompkins.

Article Named Wrong Home

SOUTH HAVEN — An article carried by this newspaper July 31 regarding the arrest of two women by state police here incorrectly stated that the home of Mrs. Barbara McIntosh, 25, of 879 Kalamazoo street, South Haven, had been searched after officers obtained a warrant and that a variety of medical tools and drugs were confiscated.

State police said that the home of the other woman, Mrs. Leontine Prewitt, 39, route 1, Covert, was the one searched, not the McIntosh residence. This newspaper regrets the error.

Both women were arrested on charges of conspiring to commit an illegal abortion after a 17-year-old girl filed a report with authorities.

Mrs. Prewitt and Mrs. McIntosh have been bound over to Van Buren circuit court on the charges by the Van Buren district court. The action by district court came after a preliminary hearing.

Bonds of \$1,000 on each woman was continued by district court.

Walter Stefan Realtor Of Year

Walter Stefan of Stefan Real Estate, 1805 Lakeview avenue, St. Joseph, has been honored as "Realtor of the Year."

Stefan was selected for the award by the Southwestern Michigan Board of Realtors, professional real estate organization covering Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties. He received a plaque Monday at a meeting attended by some 100 members at Navajo restaurant, Bridgman.

Stefan has been in real estate 27 years. He is president of the Southwestern Michigan Board of Realtors and is a former president of the Multiple Listing System of Southwestern Michigan and Associated Mortgage Corporation, both affiliates of the Southwestern Michigan Board of Realtors.

The Board of Realtors has a membership of more than 100 realtors and associates (salesmen) in the tri-county area.

First Day's Garbage Collection Costs \$90

BANGOR — Disposal of trash brought last Saturday to Bangor township's new refuse collection depot at MacDonald cost the township \$90, the township board heard last night.

Clell Miller, who operates the collection depot, said residents brought enough trash to require use of two 20 cubic yard trash boxes. The boxes are emptied by a Covert man at a cost of \$45 per box.

Saturday was the first day the collection center was open. It replaces the township's sanitary landfill, which has been closed.

In other areas, Paul Kaiser, county road commission engineer, notified the township via letter that road work for the township not completed by the commission this year would be done early next year. He said price estimates given on the work would be honored even if it is done next year.

'Umbrella' Is Needed To Fight 'Monster'

Ohio Man Says Combined Effort
Needed In Erosion Fight

By NICK SMITH
Staff Writer

HARBERT — "Individually, we don't stand a chance fighting this 'monster,'" Atty. John Garand of Toledo, Ohio, told last night's annual meeting of Lake Shore Property Owners association. The "monster" is shoreline erosion, he said.

Garand was one of two out-of-state speakers to address the audience of some 55 persons in Harbert. Atty. Barry Good, special assistant to Sen. Adlai Stevenson, III, (D-Ill.) outlined current legislation on Capitol Hill dealing with erosion.

Garand represents a group of Toledo-based property owners concerned about erosion and high water levels on Lake Erie. He suggested that his Toledo group, the Lake Shore association and other existing organizations form an umbrella association, which he called the Great Lakes Federation.

All persons living on the Great Lakes face similar problems, he said. Advantages of an umbrella group would be more political clout as a lobbying force and more money to finance studies of the diverse problem of erosion.

Atty. Good commented on

President Nixon's recent veto of a Senate bill which proposed adding the word "erosion" to the list of major disasters eligible for federal aid.

The bill would have been useful for property owners living where erosion is heavy, he said. The erosion proposal was a rider to a Small Business Administration bill that Nixon vetoed as inflationary, Good said.

New Buffalo Bond Vote Is Nov. 26

NEW BUFFALO — Date of a special election on a \$1.3 million New Buffalo school building program is Nov. 26, instead of Nov. 12 as incorrectly stated in this newspaper yesterday.

Date of the election was set Monday night by New Buffalo school board.

The building proposal would finance enlargement of West elementary school to house all elementary students, and remodeling of Central elementary school for use as a middle school for grades 6-8.

Last day to register for the special election is Oct. 26 at 5 p.m.

Beaches Are Too Polluted

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Eight sparsely used beaches at Oakland County lakes have been rated too polluted for use in a survey by the county health department.

Fifteen other beaches were rated as being of questionable sanitary conditions, while the county's remaining 228 beaches were rated safe.

Stevenson's assistant also outlined some eight pieces of erosion related legislation now being considered in the House and Senate. One of the bills suggests a study about causes of erosion because, Good said, "We really do not know the cause of shoreline erosion."

He discussed a bill proposing an increase in disaster insurance, and another altering a 1964 Supreme Court decision that limited the amount of water that can be diverted from Lake Michigan into rivers in Illinois, thereby lowering the lake level and stopping wave-action erosion.

In other business, the association elected a new seven-man board and four officers. Mrs. Donna Asselin, incumbent chairman, was re-elected. The association adopted by-laws, which were first read by Andrew Feola.



DISCUSS SHORELINE EROSION: Mrs. Donna Asselin, chairman of Lake Shore Property Owners association, talks with guest speakers before last night's annual meeting in Harbert. Speaking were Atty. John Garand of Toledo, Ohio, (left), and Atty. Barry Good, special assistant to Sen. Adlai Stevenson, III. Some 55 persons heard reports on shoreline erosion and proposed federal legislation on the problem. (Staff photo)

It Was Far From Autumn On This Date In 1906

It was just another pleasant autumn day when thousands of Berrien county residents woke up this morning. But it was quite a shock to everyone who woke up on Oct. 10, 1906.

Overnight, eight inches of snow had fallen, and temperatures in Benton Harbor had dropped to 12 degrees. "Area fruit growers suffered the worst experience that in the memory of the oldest inhabitant ever befell them," according to the Oct. 10 edition of this newspaper.

The sudden and unseasonable snowfall was remembered by 87-year-old Eugene Michael, of Bailey road near Eau Claire. He said he lost eight acres of peach trees as a result of the cold that October morning.

He was asked if the winter that followed was unusually harsh, and he replied: "It was a typical Michigan winter—whatever that is."

Bangor Approves Mobile Home Site

BANGOR — Bangor city council last night approved rezoning a lot off Railroad street from business to mobile home use.

The lot is adjacent to the site of Tourtellotte Welding shop. Approval followed a public hearing.

In other areas, an ordinance amendment to exempt non-profit organizations from licensing and fee requirements covering solicitations within the city was adopted.

Klett Construction company of Hartford was awarded a \$5,612

contract for paving South Walnut from Arlington to the Bangor school property, a distance of 1,320 feet. Klett was the only bidder.

Commissioners rejected a bid of \$1,200 from Ernie Fink, route 2, Bangor, to purchase the city's 1972 half-ton pickup. The commission agreed to readvertise for bids on the truck, with bid opening set for Nov. 12.

The commission approved a 1973-74 budget reported to total \$236,059. The 1972-73 budget was \$243,007.



WALTER STEFAN
Realtor Honored